

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An method and apparatus for processing a video-ID signal which detects, records, and reproduces a video-ID signal. The method for processing the video-ID signal includes the steps of detecting the starting position of a video-ID signal from an input video signal, compressing video data started from the video-ID signal as a predetermined compression unit, and recording the starting position of the detected video-ID signal in a predetermined recording area. The method also includes detecting the starting position of the video-ID signal recorded in the predetermined recording area, and decoding a video signal which inserts the video-ID signal into the starting position. Therefore, a video-ID signal is recorded in a time-lapse video recording and reproducing system, and the video-ID signal is identified with a video signal to be compressed and restored, so that compatibility between different systems having different switching portions is maintained.